

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Let us pray for all those who have died recently. We also pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace. **Please keep their families in your prayers.**

**Every life is unique and special, especially at their passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.**



## ROTAS FOR 16/17 May 2026 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**READERS:** Sat 16 6.30pm Liz Beaton  
Sun 17 8.30am Demi Amusu  
Sun 16 10.00am Cohen Tester, Duncan Enright

**EUCCHARISTIC** Sat 16 6.30pm (C) Sue Collins, Jos Murphy, Vincent Cugnet  
**MINISTERS:** Sun 17 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Paul Bennett, Funmi Amusu  
Sun 17 10.00am (C) Anthony Brown, Michelle Rose, Denise Williams

**FLOWERS:** Sat 16 Fiona & Laura **COUNTERS:** Sun 17 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sun 17:(10am Mass) Leader: Teena Helper: Denise

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sun 17 Paddy/Catherine **BULLETIN:** Ruth (Office)

## DONA CARD READER

Remember to use our contactless card reader for all your donations. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code so you could donate from home when you are having a cup of coffee or tea. With grateful thanks.



## OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Tuesday evening** at the latest. All notices should be sent by **email** to: [olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk) or given to Father Pat.

## SAFEGUARDING WEEKLY NOTICE

"The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. **Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Jo Browne.** She can be contacted at: [olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns."

## PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First reading** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 66(65):1-3a,4-5, 6-7a,  
16, 20. (R)1

**(R) Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' (R)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. (R)

3. He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. (R)

**Second reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel Acclamation** John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.  
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,  
says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come  
to him.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading** John 14:15-21

**Communion Antiphon** John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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**SUNDAY 10-17 MAY 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A**

**SAT 9 Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church  
EXPOSITION 10am-11am  
MASS 6.30pm (S.I.)**

**SUN 10 MASS 8.30am (Wilfred Bailey R.I.P.)  
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)**

**MON 11 NO MASS**

**TUE 12 MASS 6.00pm (Peter Bee B.I.)**

**WED 13 MASS 9.30am (David Bolley R.I.P.)**

**THU 14 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF  
THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)  
MASS 10.00am (Celebrant's Intention)  
MASS 7.00pm (David Sole S.I.)  
Rosary Group meeting at 6.25pm,  
(before the Ascension Mass) to finish at 6.45pm**

**FRI 15 MASS 9.30am (Paul Bennett B.I.)**

**SAT 16 NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS  
MASS 6.30pm (Margaret Beaton R.I.P.)**

**SUN 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MASS 8.30am (People of the Parish)  
MASS 10.00am (Steve Tolhurst R.I.P.)**



## CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are on Saturdays at  
10.30am-11am & 5.30pm-6pm

If you would like to see Fr Pat for Confession  
or any other reason, please do not hesitate to make  
an appointment either by phone or email.



### GOSPEL REFLECTION 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel the Lord makes two statements that are important here. Firstly, He says that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. In other words, we must still trust Him and follow Him even when He doesn't seem to be listening to us.

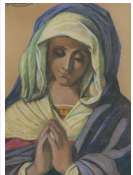


Secondly, He promises us the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we can know that He is with us and cares deeply about us. No matter how much we want something we only see a part of the picture. The Lord sees the whole picture and knows truly what is best for us and those we are praying for.

If we try to actively follow the Lord and trust Him, He will give us consolation of His presence within us through the Holy spirit. We will see the Lord through the eyes of our heart. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give us comfort and faith that God is ultimately in control.

*God Bless. Fr Pat*

### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



May is Mary's month and we can be sure that our heavenly mother will help us to pray. Pray the Rosary every day if you can; it is a beautiful prayer that we can pray anywhere, alone or in a group. If you have not said the Rosary for a while, now would be a good time to start again. It is a good habit to get into. There is a **Rosary Group who meet after Mass on Thursdays at 6.30pm**. They would love to see you. *If you don't own a Rosary, the group have some to borrow.*



### ADVANCE NOTICE OF CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS

My dear Parish family,

As many of you will already know, I am currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. This journey began for me in September 2021 and will culminate (please God) in my ordination on **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2026** at **St. Chad's Cathedral** in Birmingham. I would like to invite you to join with me and my family in the celebration of the Eucharist at the cathedral, as we thank God for His call upon my life and to serve His people.

The **parish will be organising a coach** for those who would like to participate in the Ordination Mass, which is scheduled to begin at 3:00pm. There will also be a gathering together after Mass.

I would like to request you to please fill in your name on the signup sheet that will be available in the narthex. This will give us an idea of numbers, which will help in the booking of the coach and the costs associated with this. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

*God bless. Carlton*

### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A message from Father Pat



I wish to invite all the Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to a meeting in the Parish Hall **following the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 23rd May**. It will not be a long meeting.

I know it is a Bank Holiday so if you can't make it, **please let me know**.

Many thanks and thank you for your services to the Parish. *Fr. Pat*

### WITNEY FOOD BANK CHARITY EVENT-ADVANCE NOTICE

**Buy your tickets to support people experiencing food poverty**

We have had to rearrange our Foodbank event which is now planned for: **Friday 26th June - 7:30 pm to late at the Corn Exchange.**

We have a great night organised and it would be wonderful if you could join us. There will be live music from Anna and the Fireflies, some amazing auction prizes and a raffle. (over 18s only).

**Tickets are £10 per person and every penny will make a difference to people in food poverty.**

We would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind getting the word out by sharing this information with friends and family and

through your networks on social media.

**The Foodbank makes a real difference to peoples' lives at a time when they need help most, so thank you for your support.**

### KNIT AND NATTER FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th May from 1.30pm-3.30pm** in the parish hall. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitch or other small projects and enjoy a cuppa and good company. We have yarn, needles and a few patterns so we can get you started if this is a new experience for you. **We look forward to welcoming you.**



### TODDLER GROUP - HELP NEEDED



Our Toddlers Group are looking for more helpers for this essential group. They meet on Tuesdays from 10am until 11.30am.